



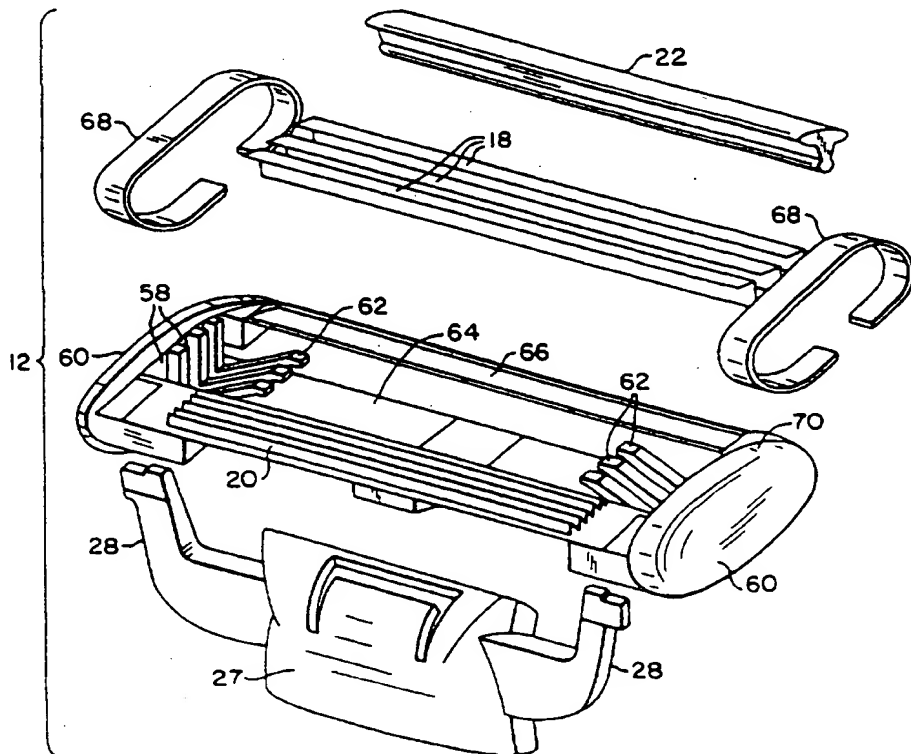
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(54) Title: SHAVING SYSTEM AND METHOD

(57) Abstract

A shaving system includes a replaceable shaving cartridge (14) and a shaving razor handle (12). The replaceable shaving cartridge (14) has a housing carrying (16) blades (18), a guard (20), a cap (22), and a camming surface. The cartridge includes an interconnect member (24) having a pivotal support structure that pivotally supports the housing (16) and a base structure (27) adapted to be removably and fixedly attached to the handle (12). A shaving razor handle (12) has an elongated hand gripping structure and a cartridge support structure extending from an end of the hand gripping structure. The cartridge support structure has an extension (26) with outer side surfaces that mate with inwardly directed surfaces of a recess (130) on the cartridge and an end surface with an opening. The extension has an asymmetrical shape to ensure proper orientation. A spring-biased plunger (44) is retained in the cartridge support structure and extends through the opening of the cartridge support structure.



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